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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 1, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the amino acid sequence combination of "H-Asn-Val-Lys-Ala-Gly-R" of SEQ ID NO: 1 as set forth as No. 21 of Table 7 on page 32 of the specification. It is noted that this election is made by the Applicants while retaining their right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter with the protection afforded by 35 USC § 121.

The claims directed to the non-elected subject matter remain in the application. It is requested that they be permitted to remain in a dormant condition pending the filing of a divisional application.

The Examiner accordingly is requested to proceed with an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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